

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for locating a patron at a hospitality facility including a server and a plurality of client terminals, the method comprising:
receiving, from one of the plurality of client terminals, a patron identifier identifying a particular patron and a location identifier identifying a location in the hospitality facility;
and storing, by the server, the location identifier in an account corresponding to the particular patron identified by the patron identifier; the method comprising:
receiving, from [[a]] another of the plurality of client terminals terminal, a request for the location of [[a]]the particular patron;
retrieving, by the server, from [[an]] the account corresponding to the particular patron, [[a]] the location identifier for the particular patron; and
sending a message based on the location identifier for the particular patron.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein sending a message includes sending, to the client terminal, directions to a location corresponding to the location identifier for the particular patron.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein sending a message includes sending, to the client terminal, a map with directions to a location corresponding to the location identifier for the particular patron.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein sending a map includes deriving the map from a location identifier corresponding to the client terminal and the location identifier for the particular patron.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein sending a message comprises sending[[,]] the message to the particular patron, patron, a message.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein sending a message comprises sending, to the particular patron, a message for a rendezvous.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein sending a message comprises sending, to the particular patron, a status message indicating the status of an offline game.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein sending a message comprising sending, to the particular patron, a promotional message.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving from a client terminal a request for an address book; and
sending the address book to the client terminal.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein receiving a request for the location of a particular patron comprises receiving a selection of the particular patron from the address book.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein sending a message comprises sending an e-mail message.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein sending a message comprises sending an instant message.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein sending a message comprises sending a broadcast message to the plurality of client terminals.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein sending a broadcast message includes sending a missing patron message to the plurality of client terminals.
15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein sending a broadcast message comprises sending a promotional message to the plurality of client terminals.
16. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein sending a broadcast message comprises sending a notification message to the plurality of client terminals.

17 - 29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying the location of patrons at a hospitality facility including a server and a plurality of client terminals, comprising:

requesting, by a client terminal, a list of patrons at the hospitality facility;

receiving, from the server, the list of patrons;

displaying the list of patrons;

receiving, from the client terminal, a selection indicating at least one patron from the list of patrons;

requesting, from the server, location information for the at least one patron, wherein the location information is stored, by the server, in an account associated with the at least one patron; and

receiving, from the server, location information for the at least one patron.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein receiving location information for the at least one patron includes receiving textual directions to the location of the at least one patron.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein receiving location information for the at least one patron includes receiving a map with directions to the location of the at least one patron.

33. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein receiving location information for the at least one patron includes receiving the last known location of the at least one patron.

34. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein receiving a selection from a client terminal comprises receiving a selection from a patron at the hospitality facility.

35. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein receiving a selection from a client terminal comprises receiving a selection from a person affiliated with a hospitality facility.

36. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for causing a computer to perform a method operations for locating a patron at a hospitality facility including a server and a plurality of client terminals, instructions comprising:

instructions for receiving, from a client terminal, a request for the location of a particular patron;

instructions for retrieving, by the server, from an account corresponding to the particular patron, the location identifier for the particular patron; and

instructions for sending a message based on the location identifier for the particular patron.

37. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of 36, wherein the instructions for sending a message includes include instructions for sending, to the client terminal, directions to a location corresponding to the location identifier for the particular patron.

38. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 36, wherein the instructions for sending a message includes include instructions for sending, to the client terminal, a map with directions to a location corresponding to the location identifier for the particular patron.

39. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 38, wherein the instructions for sending a map includes include instructions for deriving the map from a location identifier corresponding to the client terminal and the location identifier for the particular patron.

40. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 36, wherein the instructions for sending a message comprises sending, to the particular patron, a message

41. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 36, further comprising:
receiving from a client terminal a request for an address book; and
sending the address book to the client terminal.

42. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 41, wherein the instructions for receiving a request for the location of a particular patron comprises comprise instructions for receiving a selection of the particular patron from the address book.

43. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 36, wherein the instructions for sending a message comprises comprise instructions for sending an e-mail message.

44. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 36, wherein the instructions for sending a message comprises comprise instructions for sending an instant message.

45. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 36, wherein the instructions for sending a message comprises comprise instructions for sending a broadcast message to the plurality of client terminals.

46-53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for causing a computer to perform a method of identifying the location of patrons at a hospitality facility including a server and a plurality of client terminals, the instructions comprising:

instructions for requesting, by a client terminal, a list of patrons at the hospitality facility;
instructions for receiving, from the server, the list of patrons;

instructions for displaying the list of patrons;

instructions for receiving, from the client terminal, a selection indicating at least one patron from the list of patrons;

instructions for requesting, from the server, location information for the at least one patron, wherein the location information is stored by the server, in an account associated with the at least one patron; and

instructions for receiving, from the server, location information for the at least one patron.

55. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 54, wherein the instructions for receiving location information for the at least one patron includes include instructions for receiving textual directions to the location of the at least one patron.

56. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 54, wherein the instructions for receiving location information for the at least one patron includes include instructions for receiving a map with directions to the location of the at least one patron.

57. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 54, wherein the instructions for receiving location information for the at least one patron includes include instructions for receiving the last known location of the at least one patron.

58 - 70. (Cancelled)

71. (Original) A system for locating and communicating with a patron at a hospitality facility comprising:

a plurality of client terminals, each client terminal including
an input device for receiving a request for the location of a particular patron, and
a first network interface for sending the request; and
a server, connected to each of the plurality of client terminals, and including
a second network interface for receiving the request,
a controller for processing the request, and
a database server for retrieving, from an account corresponding to the particular
patron, a location identifier for the particular patron;
wherein the second network interface sends a message based on the location
identifier for the particular patron.

72. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 71, wherein the plurality of client terminals further comprise a receiving device for receiving a patron identifier identifying a patron and a location identifier identifying a location in the hospitality facility and wherein the first network interface sends the patron identifier and the location identifier to the server.

73. (Original) The system of claim 72, wherein the second network interface receives the patron identifier and the location identifier, and the database server stores the location identifier in an account corresponding to the patron identified by the patron identifier.
74. (Original) The system of claim 71, wherein the message includes directions to a location corresponding to the location identifier for the particular patron.
75. (Original) The system of claim 71, wherein the message includes a map with directions to a location corresponding to the location identifier for the particular patron.
76. (Original) The system of claim 75, wherein the map is derived from a location identifier of the one of the plurality of client terminals and the location identifier of the particular patron, and an internal mapping of the hospitality facility.
77. (Original) The system of claim 71, wherein the message is a request to send a message to a particular patron at the hospitality facility.
78. (Original) The system of claim 71, wherein the message is a broadcast message to the plurality of client terminals.